

**Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Meeting Log
Play Yard Subcommittee Meeting**

SUBJECT: ASTM F15.18 Subcommittee Play Yard Meeting

LOCATION: Sheraton New Orleans (500 Canal St, New Orleans, LA) and Virtual/Teleconference

DATE: October 19, 2022, 1:30pm, CT

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Frederick deGrano (ESMC)

COMMISSION ATTENDEES: In person: Jacqueline Campbell (EXHR), and Celestine Kish (ESHF)

Virtually: Frederick deGrano (ESMC), Stephen Harsanyi (ESHF), Timothy Smith (ESHF), Daniel Taxier (ESMC), Carlos Torres (ESMC), Suad Wanna-Nakamura (HSPP), Ashley Johnson (HSPP)

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Jennifer King, Subcommittee Chair. Contact ASTM for the attendee list.

MEETING SUMMARY:

The subcommittee chair called the meeting to order, and the subcommittee moved to approve the agenda and previous meeting minutes.

The subcommittee discussed recently balloted items, beginning with an item pertaining to Ad Hoc Language updates to address warnings in the standard. Members debated a negative vote which argues that the use of an orange background for warning statements on top rails of rigid sided products increases the likelihood of consumers removing them. Several members contended that because consumers typically consider rigid sided non-full-size cribs as pieces of furniture, making warning labels more visible with orange backgrounds will make it more noticeable and therefore more likely to be removed. Other members voiced concern that waiving orange background requirements for rigid products will lead to a reduction in safety. The subcommittee ultimately decided to move to a future ballot to vote the negative as non-persuasive.

Next, the subcommittee discussed the ballot item regarding mattress use warning statements. This ballot proposes warning requirements that state that only the original mattress that came with the product can be used or a mattress that specifically says it's compatible with the product's model number can be used. A subcommittee member voted negative on this ballot arguing that if warnings state to only use the original mattress or one that is provided by the manufacturer, it is not giving the consumer enough information for what mattresses are safe for their product. Other subcommittee members contended that not every single play yard has a compatible aftermarket mattress so it can be very confusing to the consumer. The subcommittee ultimately decided to move to a future ballot to vote the negative as non-persuasive.

Lastly, the subcommittee chair presented a draft pictogram warning label to address soft bedding being added to products creating an unsafe sleep environment. The subcommittee chair proposed that using a pictogram would be a more effective way to prevent this hazard than adding more text to warning labels which are already very crowded. The subcommittee moved to form a task group to further discuss this topic. After completing this discussion, the subcommittee adjourned the meeting. Next subcommittee meeting date TBD.